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I am pleased to send warm greetings to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad on the completion of the memorial to victims of the Little Camp at Buchenwald.

From the camp's liberation by American troops in April 1945 to the arrival of camp survivors who found refuge in the United States, our Nation's historical ties to Buchenwald are unique. Its legacy demonstrates not only the destructive power of intolerance, but also humanity's courage and perseverance in the face of evil.

The Little Camp memorial is a solemn tribute to the courage and suffering of the inmates of Buchenwald. As you reflect on the memorial's meaning to present and future generations, I commend all those who worked hard to create and complete it. These distinguished individuals include Buchenwald survivor and memorial architect Stephen Jacobs and Commission Chairman Warren L. Miller.

The Holocaust shall not be forgotten. We must protect and preserve the memory of its victims. By joining together in this vital endeavor and increasing awareness of the history of the Little Camp at Buchenwald, you have helped to ensure that the horrors of the Holocaust will never happen again.

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